

**West Piedmont Planning District Commission
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Appendix C. Capability Assessment – Plan Review

Jurisdiction	Plan/Ordinance Name	Date Adopted	Excerpts/Details of Document	Effect?
City of Danville	Comprehensive Plan 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classifies land into “Planning Area” which is developable and “Primary Environmentally Sensitive Areas” which comprises contiguous areas of sensitive soils, steep slopes, wetlands and floodplains. - Emphasizes use of “smart growth” performance standards based on land holding capacities - Calls for updating zoning ordinance to include modern standards for flexible zoning districts; improve criteria for lot configuration; and specific regulatory techniques for site planning, stormwater management, floodplains and slopes - Suggests that a comprehensive stormwater management plan be developed including improved drainage solutions for older neighborhoods that experience flooding (could be supported by CIP) 	Positive
City of Danville	Hazardous Tree Removal	April 4, 1995	Article IV. Hazardous Tree Removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defines what trees would be considered nuisances - Describes process for abatement - Establishes fine for violating order to remove tree 	Positive
City of Danville	Subdivision Ordinance	Undated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires subdivisions with one means of ingress to ensure that it will not be blocked by 100-year floodwaters. - Subdivider may be required to prepare flood study if not 	Neutral

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			covered by FEMA study	
City of Danville	Zoning Ordinance	Undated	<p>Chapter 41. Zoning Ordinance. Article 3.T: FP-O, Floodplain Overlay District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enacts floodplain management requirements as required by NFIP - 100-year floodplain used as boundary - Delineates permitted uses (by right and special) - Requires general development and site plan - Residential structures required to be elevated 2-feet higher than elevation of outer limits of district and floodproofed. Non-residential structures required to be elevated 1 foot higher and floodproofed. Manufactured and mobile homes required to be elevated two feet and anchored. - Sets design criteria for utilities and public facilities - Establishes criteria for considering variances - Describes requirements for existing structures 	Positive
Franklin County	Comprehensive Plan	1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes conservation overlay district as part of Future Land Use Map. <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Protect environmentally sensitive areas from development. - Strategies: Floodplains: Prohibit new construction in flood hazard areas that will result in any increase in flood levels of 	Positive

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			<p>the 100-year storm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Continue and improve the effectiveness of performance standards to ensure all new construction is sensitive to the natural environment. - Strategies: Stormwater management: Require stormwater management plans for all new industrial and commercial projects and all new multi-family residential projects to equate pre- and post-development runoff of the two year storm. - Floodway protection: Require a floodplain management study prior to any land disturbing construction activity in flood hazard areas to ensure no rise in the vertical elevation of the 100-year storm occurs as a result of development. - Objective: Develop an effective public education program... - Strategies: Public Outreach programs: Develop effective outreach programs to explain the basis for environmental regulation regarding...stormwater management, floodplain and wetland protection... <p>Policies for Critical Resources and Environmentally Sensitive Lands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GIS mapping: The County will use a GIS system that includes a data base on the location of floodplains, steep slopes, etc. as a tool for future land use decisions. 	
Franklin County	Floodplain Ordinance	Nov. 21, 1988	<p>Chapter 9 Floodplain Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Districts based on 100-year floodplain 	Positive

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manufactured homes must be elevated and anchored - Sets criteria for special exceptions - Explains procedure for nonconforming structures - All uses, activities and development require building permit - Sets design criteria for sanitary sewer, water, drainage facilities; utilities; and sidewalks and streets 	
Franklin County	Subdivision Ordinance	November 28, 1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land subject to flooding and land deemed to be topographically unsuitable shall not be platted for residential occupancy 	Positive
Henry County	Comprehensive Plan 1995-2010	Undated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopted Conservation Overlay District in 1992 <p>Residential Development Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preserve sensitive areas as open space, maintain trees and vegetation, and orient residential development to preserve the natural setting that is available. <p>Community Facilities and Services</p> <p>Objective: Reduce flooding and flood-related problems through proactive land use planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy: Protect the important natural function of floodplains within the County by limiting disturbance and development activity. - Strategy: Coordinate natural resource protection efforts with future opportunities for County parks and open space. - Strategy: Acquire land that has potential for parks development. This includes acquiring...properties fronting on 	Positive

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			<p>the Smith River to increase river access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy: Maintain a modern emergency services communication network. <p>Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Discourage growth in environmentally sensitive areas, such as steep slopes, floodplains, and wetlands. - Strategy: Continue to enforce the County erosion and sediment control and floodplain ordinance. 	
Henry County	Floodplain Ordinance	1981 (amended November 22, 1993)	<p>Chapter 14 Planning And Land Development <i>Article I. Flood Plain Ordinance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on 100-year floodplain - All uses, activities and development require permit - Defines permitted and conditional uses in floodway district - Sets design criteria for utilities and facilities - Defines criteria for considering special exceptions - Explains procedures for existing structures 	Positive
Henry County	Subdivision Ordinance	Feb. 12, 1992 and Feb. 24, 1992	<p>Chapter 17 Subdivision Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No land shall be subdivided which has been ruled by the Planning Commission, not to adequately provide for storm or flood water runoff channels or basins - No land shall be subdivided, which has been determined...to be harmful to the health, safety, or welfare of the future residents in the proposed subdivision of the community 	Positive

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explains requirements for floodplain computations - Requires adequate fire hydrants to be installed - Requires stormwater management plan to be submitted 	
City of Martinsville	Floodplain Ordinance	August 27, 1991	Ordinance No. 91-11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applies to all land within 100-year floodplain as identified by Federal Insurance Administration - Districts act as overlays to existing underlying zoning districts - All uses, activities, and development requires permit - Requires manufactured homes to be elevated and anchored - Delineates permitted uses for floodway district - Sets design criteria for utilities and facilities - Defines procedure for variances and existing structures 	Positive
City of Martinsville	Subdivision Ordinance	January 28, 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requires fire hydrants to be installed - Plans for storm sewers should be submitted and approved by the City - Land not suitable for development will not be subdivided – including areas prone to flooding 	Positive
City of Martinsville	Vantage Comprehensive Plan 1996 Update	1996	Public Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Improve storm water management in the City. - Strategies: Develop a comprehensive stormwater management plan (was supposed to be completed by 1998). Focus on 	Neutral/Positive

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			<p>Westside and Southside neighborhoods.</p> <p>Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal: Provide for a harmonious distribution of land use that meets the present and future needs of the residents of Martinsville while maintaining or enhancing the quality of the area. 	
City of Martinsville	Zoning Ordinance	unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishes a Floodplain Overlay District that implements the floodplain ordinance adopted August 27, 1991 	
Patrick County	Comprehensive Plan	1998	<p>Community Facilities and Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Ensure that citizens receive adequate levels of public services, including law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical services. - Strategies: Maintain a modern emergency services communication network. <p>Land Use and the Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objective: Reduce flooding and flood-related problems. - Strategies: Protect the natural function of floodplains within the County by limiting disturbances and development activity. Continue to enforce applicable County, state, and federal regulations within the designated 100-year floodplain. Encourage the use of the floodway fringe areas for recreational uses, open space, and other non-structural uses. - Strategies: Form environmental and good land practices program in association with realtors, developers, builders, and 	Positive

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			bankers to enhance awareness among professional community associated with land use and land development. Encourage land conservation practices that recognize slope factors, soil types and limitations, vegetation preservation, floodway protection, and protecting the quality of surface and groundwater supplies.	
Patrick County	Subdivision Ordinance	February 12, 2003	- Drainage easements may be required to address storm and floodwater runoff	Neutral
Patrick County	Zoning Ordinance	1974	- Applies only to the 3.7 mile stretch of State Route 822 leading to the Goose Point Recreational Area on Philpott Lake.	Neutral
Pittsylvania County	1986 Comprehensive Plan	November 3, 1986	<p>General Development Goals Goal 3: To promote the preservation of a healthful and attractive environment for present and future residents of the County.</p> <p>Specific Objectives <i>Floodplain Conservation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To encourage floodplain areas as permanent conservation areas. 2. To discourage the construction of permanent structures in floodplains, except those used for agricultural pursuits. <p>Land Use Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognize important environmental constraints to development, such as steep slopes and floodplains. <p>Public Safety <i>Future Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopt a fire prevention code to be enforced by the fire chief administrator for the prevention and elimination of fire 	Positive

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			<p>hazards.</p> <p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calls for establishing a planning department that would be staffed by building inspector and a planner 	
Pittsylvania County	Subdivision Ordinance	Undated	<p>Sec. 18-16. Flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land subject to flooding shall not be platted for residential uses. - Subdivider must provide plans for flood control and drainage devices - Fire hydrants may be required where public water is available 	Positive
Pittsylvania County	Zoning Ordinance	January 7, 1991 (effective date); February 18, 1992 (floodplain ordinance)	<p>Article III. District Regulations. Division 13. Conservation District (C-1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limits permitted and special uses and allows for less dense and intense uses (when compared to the agricultural district) - Established to protect water and other natural resources and protect against flood and fire <p>Article IV. Special Provisions. Division 2. Overlay District/Special District: Floodplain District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100-year floodplain used as boundary for the overlay zoning district - All uses, activities, and development requires permit - Requires manufactured homes to be elevated and anchored - Describes permitted uses in floodway district. Describes additional requirements for uses in flood fringe, approximated 	Positive

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